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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. After martial law had been declared in Dresden by the garrison commander, Major General Shmyrov, and the commander of the temporary headquarters, Lieutenant Colonel Bogdanov, the following tanks and guns took position at the places mentioned: T-43 tank at Augustus Bruecke, T-43 tank toward Altstadt; JS-3 tank armored scout car and truck occupied by troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets at the Trafo Werk. all on 18 June; 1 and JS-3 tanks and truck occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets at Hubertus Platz; JS-3 tank at Trachenberger Platz; 3 JS-3 tanks, and armored scout car at the Trafo Werk; JS-3 tanks and personnel carrier mounting a machine gun, at the chemical plant von Heyden, Radebeul; and JS-3 tank at the Sachsenverlag, all on 19 June. ²
2. At 5:05 a.m. on 22 June, a column of 9 T-34 tanks passed through Pomssen, coming from the direction of Grimma and proceeding toward Leipzig; after about 2 hours, it was followed by T-34 tanks . At about 5 p.m. on 24 June, the nine tanks returned toward Grimma. ³
3. On 29 June, the Flak Kaserne, Merseburg, was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles were seen en route to the installation. Five armored scout cars and 7 armored personnel carriers were near the komendatura. ⁴
4. On 28 June, about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of field guns, tanks, AT guns and AA guns were assembled in the wooded area southeast of Brandis airfield. ⁵

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It is possible that the tanks moved from Koenigsbrueck to Grimma on 18 June, and joined the elements of the division employed in Leipzig on 22 June.

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Previous reports tended to indicate that elements of the 7th Gds Tank Div from Letzling Heath were employed in Merseburg.

The assumption that elements of the 76th Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Kindel returned to Merseburg is based only on the observation of 100-mm AT guns

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